

REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the application. It is noted that claim 1 was allowed in the parent application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 2-7 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-7 were prosecuted in the parent application, but as the result of amendments during prosecution, are no longer believed to be entitled to claim the benefit of the filing dates of Application No. 09/084,958, filed May 28, 1998 (now U.S. patent No. 6,266,546), Application No. 08/479,352, filed June 7, 1995 (now U.S. patent No. 5,803,908), Application No. 08/317,726, filed October 4, 1994 (now U.S. patent No. 5,499,627), Application No. 08/011,882, filed February 1, 1993 (now U.S. patent No. 5,372,136), Application No. 07/598,169, filed October 16, 1990 (abandoned), Application No. 09/244,756, filed February 5, 1999 (now U.S. patent No. 6,181,958), and Provisional Application No. 60/073,784, filed February 5, 1998). The parent application is accordingly being amended to cancel claim 1 and the cross-reference to the related applications, and claim 1 is being pursued through this application.

The Specification is amended to update the cross-references to related applications, and to conform to the Specification as otherwise amended in the parent application.

The Drawings are amended as in the parent application.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

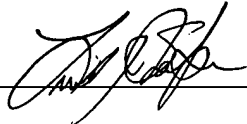
Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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